IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-36. (canceled)

37. (new) A method comprising:

displaying a column on a display screen, wherein the column comprises a first set of data in a first sub-column and a second set of data in a second sub-column, wherein the first sub-column comprises a first set of fields displayed vertically in a plurality of rows, wherein the second sub-column comprises a second set of fields displayed vertically in the plurality of rows, wherein the first sub-column is displayed alongside the second sub-column, and wherein the column comprises a column label substantially spanning at least a combined width of the first sub-column and the second sub-column;

receiving user input to hide the first sub-column; and

redisplaying the column on the display screen in response to the receiving the user input to hide the first sub-column, wherein the redisplaying the column on the display screen comprises:

displaying the second sub-column and the column label; and

omitting the first sub-column from the redisplayed column.

38. (new) The method of claim 37,

wherein the displaying the column comprises displaying the column label atop the column; and

wherein the redisplaying the column comprises displaying the column label atop the column.

39. (new) The method of claim 38,

wherein the displaying the column comprises:

displaying a first field label atop the first sub-column and below the column label; and

displaying a second field label atop the second sub-column, below the column label, and alongside the first field label; and

wherein the redisplaying the column comprises displaying the second field label atop the second sub-column and below the column label.

40.   (new) The method of claim 39,

wherein the redisplaying the column comprises omitting the first field label from the redisplayed column.

41.   (new) The method of claim 37,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators.

42.   (new) The method of claim 37,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more numeric values.

43.   (new) The method of claim 37,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more comment strings.

44.   (new) The method of claim 37,

wherein the column comprises a third set of data in a third sub-column, wherein the third sub-column comprises a third set of fields displayed vertically in the plurality of rows; and

wherein the column label substantially spans at least a combined width of the first sub-column, the second sub-column, and the third sub-column.

45.   (new) The method of claim 37,

wherein the first set of data and the second set of data comprise one or more mathematical operators and one or more numeric values;

and wherein the method further comprises:

automatically calculating a result by applying the mathematical operators to the numeric values; and

displaying the result on the display screen.

46.   (new) A system comprising:

a CPU;

a display screen coupled to the CPU;

a memory coupled to the CPU, wherein the memory stores program instructions which are executable by the CPU to:

display a column on a display screen, wherein the column comprises a first set of data in a first sub-column and a second set of data in a second sub-column, wherein the first sub-column comprises a first set of fields displayed vertically in a plurality of rows, wherein the second sub-column comprises a second set of fields displayed vertically in the plurality of rows, wherein the first sub-column is displayed alongside the second sub-column, and wherein the column comprises a column label substantially spanning at least a combined width of the first sub-column and the second sub-column;

receive user input to hide the first sub-column; and

redisplay the column on the display screen in response to receiving the user input to hide the first sub-column, wherein in redisplaying the column, the program instructions are executable by the CPU to:

display the second sub-column and the column label; and

omit the first sub-column from the redisplayed column.

47.   (new) The system of claim 46,

wherein in displaying the column, the program instructions are executable by the CPU to display the column label atop the column; and

wherein in redisplaying the column, the program instructions are executable by the CPU to display the column label atop the column.

48. (new) The system of claim 47,

wherein in displaying the column, the program instructions are executable by the CPU to :

display a first field label atop the first sub-column and below the column label; and

display a second field label atop the second sub-column, below the column label, and alongside the first field label; and

wherein in redisplaying the column, the program instructions are executable by the CPU to display the second field label atop the second sub-column and below the column label.

49. (new) The system of claim 48,

wherein in redisplaying the column, the program instructions are executable by the CPU to omit the first field label from the redisplayed column.

50. (new) The system of claim 46,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators.

51. (new) The system of claim 46,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more numeric values.

52. (new) The system of claim 46,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more comment strings.

53. (new) The system of claim 46,

wherein the column comprises a third set of data in a third sub-column, wherein the third sub-column comprises a third set of fields displayed vertically in the plurality of rows; and

wherein the column label substantially spans at least a combined width of the first sub-column, the second sub-column, and the third sub-column.

54.   (new) The system of claim 46,

wherein the first set of data and the second set of data comprise one or more mathematical operators and one or more numeric values;

and wherein the program instructions are further executable by the CPU to:

automatically calculate a result by applying the mathematical operators to the numeric values; and

display the result on the display screen.

55.   (new) A carrier medium comprising program instructions, wherein the program instructions are executable by a computer to implement:

displaying a column on a display screen, wherein the column comprises a first set of data in a first sub-column and a second set of data in a second sub-column, wherein the first sub-column comprises a first set of fields displayed vertically in a plurality of rows, wherein the second sub-column comprises a second set of fields displayed vertically in the plurality of rows, wherein the first sub-column is displayed alongside the second sub-column, and wherein the column comprises a column label substantially spanning at least a combined width of the first sub-column and the second sub-column;

receiving user input to hide the first sub-column; and

redisplaying the column on the display screen in response to the receiving the user input to hide the first sub-column, wherein the redisplaying the column on the display screen comprises:

displaying the second sub-column and the column label; and

omitting the first sub-column from the redisplayed column.

56.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 55,

wherein the displaying the column comprises displaying the column label atop the column; and

wherein the redisplaying the column comprises displaying the column label atop the column.

57.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 56,

wherein the displaying the column comprises:

displaying a first field label atop the first sub-column and below the column label; and

displaying a second field label atop the second sub-column, below the column label, and alongside the first field label; and

wherein the redisplaying the column comprises displaying the second field label atop the second sub-column and below the column label.

58.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 57,

wherein the redisplaying the column comprises omitting the first field label from the redisplayed column.

59.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 55,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators.

60.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 55,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more numeric values.

61.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 55,

wherein the first set of data or the second set of data comprises one or more comment strings.

62.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 55,

wherein the column comprises a third set of data in a third sub-column, wherein the third sub-column comprises a third set of fields displayed vertically in the plurality of rows; and

wherein the column label substantially spans at least a combined width of the first sub-column, the second sub-column, and the third sub-column.

63.   (new) The carrier medium of claim 55,

wherein the first set of data and the second set of data comprise one or more mathematical operators and one or more numeric values;

and wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer to implement:

automatically calculating a result by applying the mathematical operators to the numeric values; and

displaying the result on the display screen.